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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:) Chapter 11
RESIDENTIAL CAPITAL, LLC, et al.) Case No. 12-12020 (MG)) Jointly Administered
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SUPPLEMENT TO EX PARTE MOTION FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING PEPPER HAMILTON LLP TO FILE ITS RESPONSE TO UNITED STATES TRUSTEE'S OBJECTION TO FEE APPLICATION UNDER SEAL

Pepper Hamilton LLP ("Pepper") hereby supplements its motion for authority to file under seal its response (the "Response") to the objection of the United States Trustee ("UST") to Pepper's first interim fee application (the "Motion") [Docket No. 3809], and respectfully states as follows:

Court's Authority to Order Filing Under Seal of Confidential Supervisory Information

- 1. The UST has expressed concern that Pepper's Motion did not include, as part of the basis for the relief sought, § 107 of the Bankruptcy Code, which provides that "[o]n request of a party in interest, the bankruptcy court shall, and on the bankruptcy court's own motion, the bankruptcy court may . . . protect an entity with respect to a trade secret or confidential research, development, or commercial information. . . ." 11 U.S.C. § 107(b)(1).
- 2. The Motion relied on Rule 9018 as its supporting authority. That rule provides that "[o]n motion or on its own initiative, with or without notice, the court may make any order which justice requires . . . to protect governmental matters that are made confidential by statute or regulation." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9018(3).
- 3. Bankruptcy Rule 9018 is the rule that implements § 107(b). *See, e.g., In re Starbrite Props. Corp.*, 2012 Bankr. LEXIS 2599, at *16 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. June 5, 2012) ("Section 107 is implemented through Bankruptcy Rule 9018. . . ."); *In re Food Mgmt. Group, LLC*, 359 B.R. 543, 553 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2007) ("FED. R. BANKR. P. 9018 implements the protection provided by § 107(b).").
- 4. Since the bankruptcy rule implementing § 107(b) expressly permits the court to enter "any order which justice requires . . . to protect governmental matters that are made confidential by statute or regulation," such confidential governmental matters plainly fall within the scope of § 107(b).
- 5. As set forth in the May 20, 2013 letter from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, the Response that Pepper seeks authority to file under seal constitutes a governmental matter made confidential by regulation specifically, 12 C.F.R. 261.2 *et seq*.

- 6. Accordingly, the Response is entitled to protection under 11 U.S.C. § 107(b) and its implementing rule, Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9018.
- 7. Notice of this supplement has been provided to the Office of the United States

 Trustee.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein and in its Motion, Pepper respectfully requests that the Court enter an order authorizing Pepper to file its Response under seal.

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